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BOMB OUTRAGE KILLS

Call For Strike Breakers

COAL BOARD ACTS

London, May 7.
The British Cabinet tackled the unofficial strikes problem on Tuesday as the National Coal Board recruited strikebreakers to end a walkout that kept more than 20,000 coal miners idle.
Official sources said that the strike problem—described on the highest level as a threat to Britain's recovery programme—came under discussion when Mr Emanuel Shinwell, Minister of Fuel, reported to the Cabinet on the coal mine dispute which started on Sunday night with the introduction of the five-day week.
Mr George Isaacs, Minister of Labour, was widely reported to be discussing with Union leaders several methods of bringing the government's conciliation machinery into action before disputes reached the strike stage.

PITS REOPEN

Meanwhile the coal board, which operates the recently nationalised mines announced that "certain pits" idle because 150 surface workers were on strike, were opened on Tuesday with the strikers replaced by other mine workers.
The powerful National Union of Mine Workers gave the government full backing in the use of the strike breakers. The strikers, who operate machinery that lowers and raises cages carrying underground workers and coal are members of a "breakaway" union not recognised by the coal board.

They walked out on Sunday night claiming that the shorter work week would reduce their earnings. They also demand union recognition. At least 40,000 tons of coal have been lost because miners in the affected pits have been unable to work, government officials estimated.—Associated Press.

COAL BOARD'S WARNING

London, May 6.
The National Coal Board last night warned striking elevator operators in 20 Durham County mines that they had better not intimidate, threaten, or interfere with miners and volunteer operators who are attempting to break the strike.

The Coal Board's Northern Division said finally that there would be no negotiations with the strikers, who walked off their job yesterday—the first day of the new five-day week schedule for all British mines. The elevator men claimed the five-day schedule would reduce their paychecks.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

The Lords And Commons

FORTY years ago the predominant fear of a British Liberal government was the veto of the House of Lords. Today a Labour government has as its chief worry the delaying tactics of the House of Commons opposition capable of sabotaging legislation timetables. The Labour government counters the delaying tactics of the opposition by a "guillotine" rule under which the Speaker can close the debate on a subject at a given time. The "guillotine" has been freely used by the present government largely because it has set itself a legislative programme so vast that only a certain amount of time can be devoted to debating each bill. The "guillotine" was used on Monday in the debate on the measure to nationalise inland transport. Now the bill goes to the House of Lords. In view of the solid opposition hostility in the lower house, it can safely be expected that the Lords will endeavour to display their value as a revising body. There are many issues arising from the bill on which a Chamber with a Conservative majority, such as the House of Lords, could provoke a crisis. It would, in fact, be easy enough for the Lords to throw out the measure, though this would

Rice Riots Spread

Nanking, May 6.
Public indignation, spreading fast in many areas as prices continued to rise in face of apparent governmental indifference, reached an extremist pitch in Wuhu, Chingtu and Hangchow where all rice and flour shops were wrecked and looted, compelling the authorities to declare martial law to maintain order, according to reports received here.
Several people were wounded in Hangchow. The public, suffering hardships of livelihood and incensed by the Government's inability to control prices, hoarding and profiteering in many places, have taken the law in their own hands and turned against "traitorous merchants." It is feared that rice riots may spread to other areas.
To date Shanghai experienced a small number of rice shop riots. Inflation is worsening in Manchuria also.—United Press.

8,000 Bodies Found In S'hai Streets

Shanghai, May 6.
More than 8,000 bodies of destitute Chinese children were picked up in the streets of Shanghai in the past four months, a spokesman of the Shanghai Benevolent Society said today.

During April alone 3,410 corpses were found, of which 3,048 were children.
More attacks on rice shops have been reported as prices of everything, from vital necessities to luxuries, made another upward spurt after the lifting of the ceiling for rice quotations.

The Food Minister, Mr Ku Cheng-kang, has stated that the Government should have completed its plan for rehabilitation of wages and for unfreezing the cost of living index on which wages used to be based before they were pegged in February to the January level.
He realised that wage adjustment would be only a stopgap measure which would not hit at the very heart of China's developing economic crisis, and added that "the Government has under consideration other measures for controlling the increasing prices and inflation."

Mr Ku said that rationing would be instituted for civil servants, teachers, students, workers and the poor in the leading cities throughout China.

The Director of the Social Affairs Bureau said to-day that rationing would probably be adopted for the whole of Nanking this week.
Stringent measures, he said, would be taken to combat the black market. Meanwhile, 23 members of the Control Yuan of the Chinese Government have recommended that the salaries of civil servants be paid in kind in the same way as under the Hun dynasty about 2,000 years ago.—Reuter.

FOUR Cairo Theatre Explosion

Cairo, May 6.
Four persons were killed in a bomb explosion at the Metro Theatre tonight, according to a police report.

The film, "Bad Bascomb," starring Wallace Beery and Margaret O'Brien, was being shown when the bomb exploded. An eye-witness said six balcony seats were "blown to bits."
Surging crowds outside the theatre prevented and accurate estimate of injured. First reports said the roof had collapsed, but a theatre official later said it had remained in place. However, the bomb made a big hole in the balcony, where it exploded.

Splinters and debris flew in all directions, causing many minor injuries. The theatre was full to capacity, with 1,500 persons when the explosion occurred.

CITY ALARMED

The bomb exploded at 5.25 p.m. GMT during the second afternoon performance. The terrific explosion alarmed Cairoites, who crowded the dimly-lighted streets. Cairo celebrated the 11th anniversary of King Farouk's accession to the throne to-day.

The theatre is situated on Soliman Pasha Street and is air-conditioned and one of the most modern in Cairo.

The Director of Public Security, Ammar Bey, said several arrests were planned tonight, but he declined to elaborate. Some policemen theorised that the explosion might not have been caused by a bomb but by bursting of the air-conditioning machine.

The authorities are questioning the engineers who installed the machine and are inspecting the balcony area, but the theory was considered unlikely.
Premier Nokrashy Pasha told the United Press: "I am sure it was not the work of an Egyptian."—United Press.

OFFICIAL INJURED

Cairo, May 6.
Two persons were killed and 38 were injured—including ten women—when a bomb burst in the Metro Cinema here tonight.

Among the injured was the Deputy Chief Public Security, Hussein Sobhy Bey.—Reuter.

Canada To Cut Meat Supplies

London, May 6.
A spokesman for the Canadian Meat Board said today Canada would stop sending meat for Britain from about the middle of May or the end of June at the same time when food experts were quoted as saying that the next three months will be the most critical food months of the entire year.

Increased supplies from Australian and the southern hemisphere generally were thought likely before the end of summer.

Food buyers were said to be in south-western United States, seeking to buy even three grade beef at up to two shillings per pound wholesale.
"Meat in Canada is no longer rationed," the Meat Board spokesman said. "Therefore, meat currently produced will be put into cold storage until the first wave of demand levels out."

The spokesman added: "There is bound to be a flood of buying, and in order to avoid excessive demand we are retaining home production for the time being. There is nothing abnormal in this. We will resume shipments of what we can as soon as we can."

"Production is bound to increase rapidly but there is always a seasonal lull in this time of the year."

He said when estimates of home consumption were completed routine shipments of beef, mutton, pork and offal would be resumed.

Rumours of id. cut in meat rations were current. The Food Ministry spokesman refused to endorse any cut during the Commons session on Monday.—United Press.

Ex-British Commando Led Acre Gaol Raid

Jerusalem, May 6.
Former Commando sergeant Dov Bernard Cohen, found dead in a lorry after Sunday's mass gaol break in Acre, led the band of Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists, who blasted the prison walls and released 216 convicts, reliable Jewish sources in Tel-Aviv said tonight.

Cohen is stated to have served with the British Commandos and to have been mentioned in despatches in the Allied campaign in North Africa.

He was killed when the terrorists dashed out of the Arab seaport of Acre after a gun battle which accompanied the prison raid. His body, in the uniform of a British captain, was found in a lorry and was buried yesterday with six other Irgun raiders at a seashore village six miles from the port.

Sixteen Arabs had been recaptured up to noon to-day after Sunday's mass gaol-break from Acre prison, it was officially stated.
The hundreds and sixty seven Arabs were still missing. None of the 29 Jewish terrorists at large had been recaptured, the official statement added.—Reuter.

IRGUN'S BOAST

Jerusalem, May 6.
Irgun sources boasted that Sunday's raid on Acre prison had resulted in the rescue of "men needed badly for future operations."

The sources said the escaped prisoners represented a crack mobile striking force, including some district commanders of Irgun.
The official report on Sunday's bombing of Acre Prison was issued by the Acting Prison Commissioner. It said the attack, by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, was launched at 4.30 p.m. with the throwing of three grenades into the prison's criminal lunatic section.

"This diversion, as it subsequently turned out, caused no panic, but seven lunatics suffered injury," the report, which was submitted to the Palestine government, said.
"Immediately afterwards, rifle and machine-gun fire opened on prison guards standing on the roof, while a party of Jews, using a series of light scaling ladders, climbed up the corridor running along the southern external wall."

PANIC-STRIKEN

"Once there, the attackers laid an explosive charge which blew out iron bars and a number of windows, and blew a hole in the compound where both Jewish and Arab prisoners were exercising. The Jewish prisoners then seized previously-prepared rags soaked in paraffin, ignited them and brandished same as to facilitate their escape."

The report said the Arab prisoners were panic-stricken and fled in opposite directions. A British prison official tried to quiet the prisoners, but Jews managed to escape through the hole blown in the wall and the Arabs fled from the prison through windows blown out by the terrorists, according to the report. Quiet was restored in the prison by 6.30 p.m.—United Press.

Up-To-The-Minute Sports News

YORKSHIRE DEFEATED

London, May 6.
Results of first-class cricket matches which ended today were:
At the Oval: Surrey beat Essex by an innings and 101 runs. Essex 175 and 192 (Avery 66, Dodge 50, Gover four for 43). Surrey 528 for six declared.
At Cambridge: Cambridge University drew with Sussex. Sussex 208 and 348 for three declared (James Langridge 135 not out, Cox 141). Cambridge University 350 and 11 for three.

At Oxford: Oxford University drew with Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire 245 and 205 for five declared. Oxford University 234 and 120 for six.

At Lord's: M.C.C. beat Yorkshire by 163 runs. M.C.C. 134 and 343 for nine declared. Yorkshire 81 and 233 (Wilson 74, Young six for 85).

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Alan Dalley, Reg Whitcombe, Laurie Rytton and Bobby Halsall shared the leading place in the Dunlop-Singapore test for the Dunlop-Singapore £2,000 golf tournament over the Birkdale and Hesketh courses, which ended here today.

Each had aggregates of 148 for 36 holes. The highest qualifying score was 162 and 65 players will enter

SOVIET OBSTRUCTION MOVE

Palestine Plan Challenged

Lake Success, May 7.
Soviet circles said yesterday that Russia was determined to challenge a British and American plan which would exclude the five Big Powers from the United Nations fact finding committee on Palestine.

The Soviet position was disclosed officially as the General Assembly's 55th Session Political Committee met for the first time to clear away the preliminary questions before tackling the main problem of establishing the inquiry committee.

Russia was reported to have countered the British-American plan with one which would provide for a committee including the Big Five and about five smaller nations chosen on a geographic basis.
The Russians would not say whether they would advocate the inclusion of an Arab state on the committee.—Associated Press.

EGYPT'S THREAT

Lake Success, May 6.
Egypt threatened to make a "legal walkout" from the United Nations debate on Palestine today unless the General Assembly agrees to hear the views of the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine as well as the Jewish Agency.

The Egyptian delegate, Mahmoud Hassan Pasha, told the Political Committee: "We shall not be able to take part in the discussions. This is not a withdrawal from the Assembly but for all legal purposes it is. We are unable to discuss any vote because our government does not recognise either the Big Four declaration or the Palestine mandate, but if this position is altered, then we will participate."
The Arab Committee earlier withdrew its request to be heard and the withdrawal put the Committee in a delicate position. It was committed to hear the Jewish side but could not hear the Arabs unless they asked to be heard. There is growing movement among delegates led by the Latin-American bloc to invite the Arab Committee to appear in spite of its withdrawal but instructions from the Assembly to the Committee did not include any provision for such invitations.

U.S. PROPOSITION

The United States proposed in the Assembly's Political Committee that Britain be given veto power over the choice of which Jewish or Arab groups should be allowed to present their views on Palestine to the United Nations. The resolution submitted to the Committee by the United States delegate, Warren Austin, also called for the Committee to hear representatives of the Jewish Agency as directed by the General Assembly.

Austin proposed that any other groups representative of the Palestine population should also be heard but that Britain as the mandatory power of Palestine should decide which groups are representative. That in effect would give Britain veto power over hearing any groups except the Jewish Agency.
The United States resolution also specified that the Jewish or any other groups invited to appear be forbidden to talk about the substance.—(Continued on Page 4)

Churchill's Compliment

London, May 6.
When the three-day debate of the National Service Bill began in the House of Commons today, the Opposition leader, Mr Winston Churchill, complimented the Government on the internal structure of the bill which, he said, had been drafted with great knowledge.

He said that the text of the bill as originally drafted—providing for 18 months in the armed forces with five and a half years part-time in reserve—seemed to him to reflect unwelcome credit on the Government. He would, however, have something to say later about the sudden change which the Government had made in putting down an amendment to reduce the length of service from 18 months to a year.

An amendment to exclude Scotland from conscription moved by the Independent Labour Party Member, Mr J. Carmichael, was rejected. Mr Carmichael said that he was against the principle of conscription but he argued also on economic grounds.—Reuter.

CANNOT YET AGREE

Gandhi And Jinnah In Discussions

New Delhi, May 6.
Mohandas K. Gandhi and Mr Mohammed Ali Jinnah, president of the Moslem League, conferred for three hours today and then announced that they still disagreed on the advisability of partitioning India.

However, they announced agreement on the necessity for carrying out their recent peace appeals to their respective followers.

Mr Jinnah, with Gandhi's approval, made the following statement after their meeting:
"We discussed two matters. One was the question of division of India into Pakistan and Hindustan, and Mr Gandhi does not accept the principle of division. He thinks division is not inevitable, whereas, in my opinion, not only is Pakistan inevitable, but this is the only practical solution of India's political problem."
"The second matter which we discussed was the letter, which we both signed, jointly appealing to the people to maintain peace, and we both have come to the conclusion that we must do our best in our respective spheres to see that that appeal of ours is carried out and we will make every effort for this purpose."—United Press.

VICEROY'S EFFORTS

London, May 7.
Informed sources said today that Lord Louis Mountbatten, Viceroy of India, had advanced the possibility of a settlement for India, on the basis of a three-way partition of states loosely linked together in a limited Federal Government.

The Hindus, Moslems and the Princely states may agree to the Federation if they can retain the essential elements of their present demands, Lord Mountbatten was reported to have told the British Government.
Lord Mountbatten's first report, as India's final Viceroy, was conveyed to the members of the British Cabinet on Monday by Lord Ismay, senior member of his staff.

The sources emphasised that Britain's role in the negotiations for the Indian constitutional future has been defined. It is to transfer the power of the Government to the Indian people by June 1948. So only the Indians can work out the solution.—Associated Press.

Smugglers Found On Dutch Ship

Batavia, May 6.
The Aneta reported today that when eight British Indians on board the Dutch liner "Orange" at Batavia were visited by the Customs before their departure on Sunday, a large amount of smuggled goods valued at 200,000 guilders was discovered. The Indians, bound for Colombo, had gold rings on their fingers, gold bracelets, gold poles inside the shoes and many jewels sewn inside their coats and pants. On close investigation the buckles of their belts were found to be solid gold.—United Press.

JAPAN'S "IRON CURTAIN"

London, May 6.
A complaint that there was almost a complete "iron curtain" as far as Japanese economic, financial and commercial affairs were concerned was made by Mr Harold Davies, Labour Member, in the House of Commons today.

He asked if there was likely to be an early settlement of the international exchange rate of the yen and if documentation on the activities of the United States Commercial Corporation could be placed at the disposal of members of Parliament.

Mr Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said that he would take notice of Mr Davies' question. Mr Davies' remarks arose from a question by another Labour member, Mr R. Chamberlain, who asked whether an agreement had yet been reached with the United States on the financing of purchases by Britain of Japanese products.
Mr Dalton replied that discussions were proceeding.—Reuter.

TRADING PROSPECTS

London, May 6.
Britain is hoping for an early reopening of private foreign trade with Japan, Mr J. W. Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons today.

The Board is compiling a list of 40 representatives of British business interests to go to Japan and break the ground. Legislative and administrative steps for trade with the ex-enemy nation were now under way, according to Mr Belcher, who said that conditions under which goods would be exchanged were still under discussion with the United States and other Allied authorities in Washington.—Reuter.

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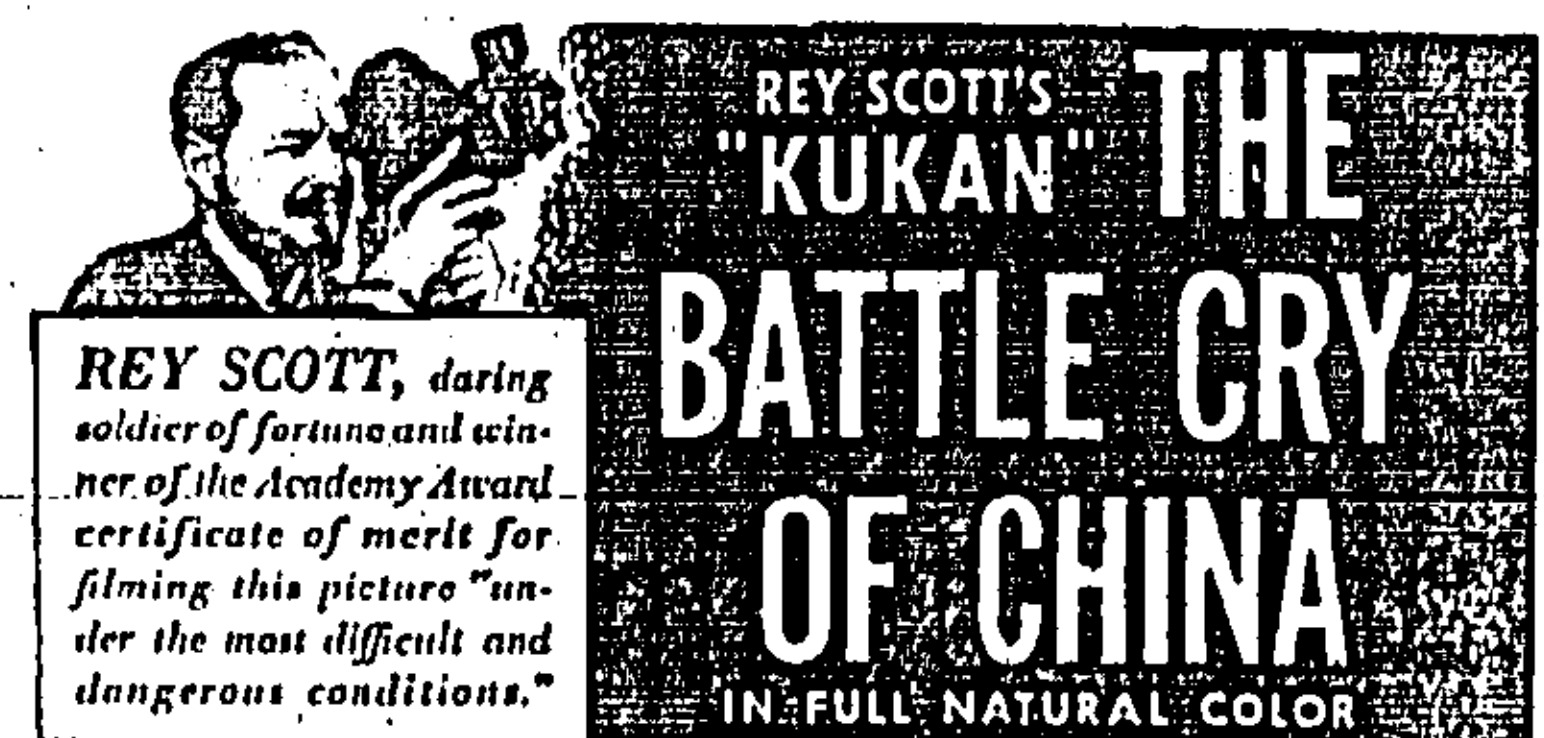


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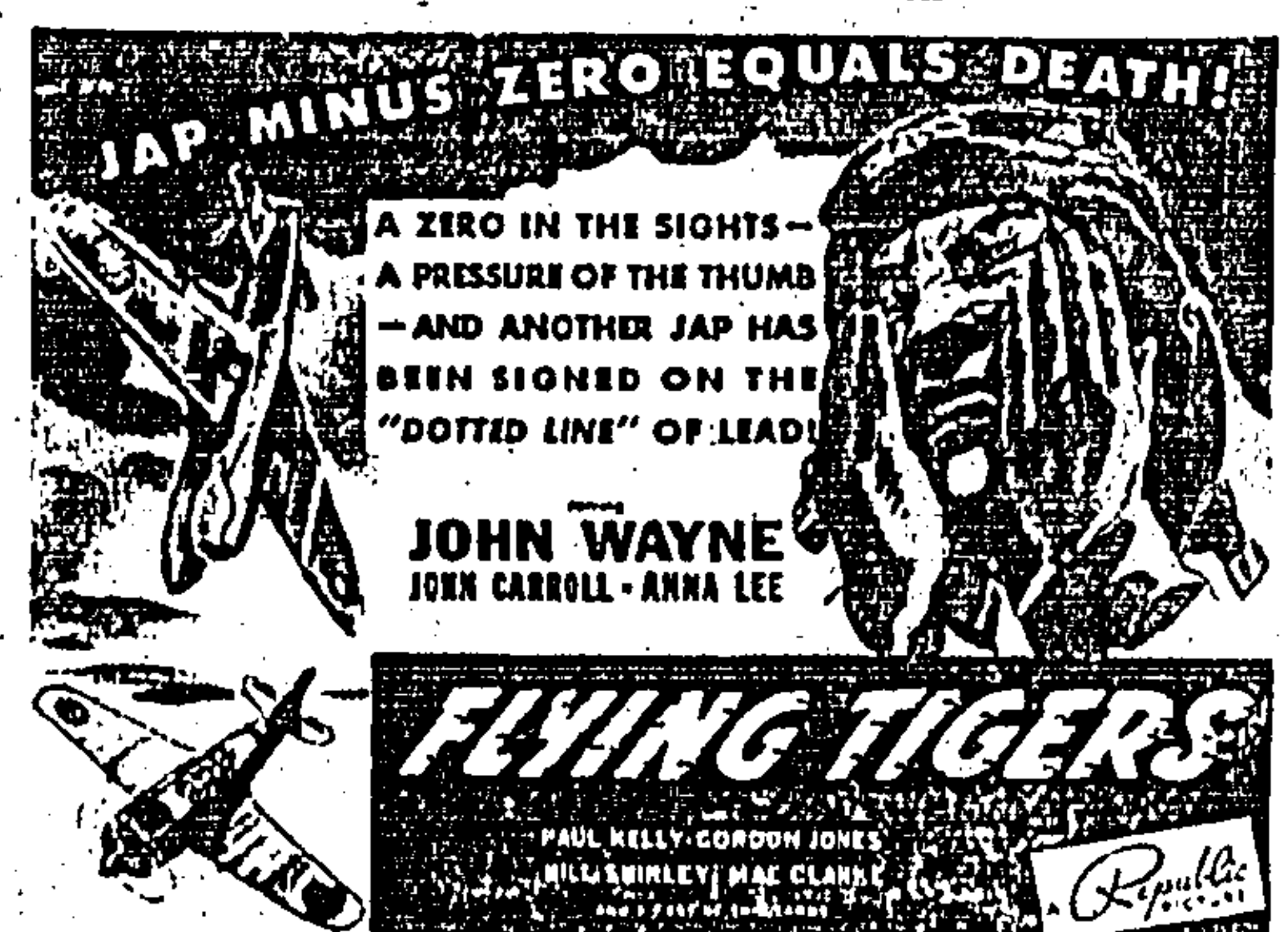
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Every Wednesday in the Telegraph:

Sitting on the Fence

by **NATHANIEL GUBBINS**

NATION-WIDE interest will be aroused by the news that the Nest, or Tottering Towers, where your Uncle Nat has lived in extreme discomfort for many years, has been burgled at last.

Normally the Nest is never locked up. In the summer all windows and doors (sometimes the front door, too) are left wide open. In the winter the wind sometimes blows them open.

Dogs and cats walk in and out of the place at will, scrounging a meal or just lying around on the chairs.

The butcher, the baker, and the rest open the back door and leave whenever they have to leave. Nobody takes any notice of them unless they demand money.

Neighbours have often been found sitting in front of the fire reading the papers or snoring in the shade of the apple tree, according to the season.

Relatives have been discovered locked in the bathroom before your Uncle knew they were in the house. In the absent-minded moment he sat on one of them who was sleeping on a settee under an eiderdown.

Birds build their nests under the only parts of the roof which are rain-proof and fly in and out of the windows if they feel like it.

No Scotch Now

On one occasion a wild rabbit walked in, twitched its nose at the cat, and ran off to finish up the lettuce in the garden.

So any burglar could have walked in at any time, sat down, picked up a magazine, and pretended he was a new neighbour or a distant relative.

Before the war he would have been offered a Scotch (probably several) though now he would get nothing but a cup of tea.

In a short time he would have bored us all to death and been left alone to take what he liked.

Up to now no burglar has ever taken advantage of these circumstances. Other people in the neighbourhood have been burgled several times, despite their locks, bolts and bars.

BUT on one of the rare occasions when the Nest was locked, barred and bolted, the Nest was burgled.

In an attempt to solve some of the mysteries of the case the following open letter is addressed to whoever it may concern, hoping he will be fool enough to reply:

Dear Burglar,

I don't know if I am right in addressing you as a burglar and not as a housebreaker or intruder. As you probably know, a burglar is one who breaks into a house at night with intent to commit a felony. A house-breaker is one who does the same job in the day time.

So far as I know, an intruder is one who does not break in, but walks or climbs in or through an unlocked door or open window at any time of the day or night. Indeed, he might be one of the relatives I have mentioned.

If this description is correct you are certainly not an intruder, because the windows were shut and the doors were locked.

BUT as the Nest was unoccupied between 11 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. you could be either a housebreaker or a burglar.

Whichever way it is you are just a thief to me, and not a very clever one at that.

For instance, why did you leave the wedding presents in the bedroom? They were all laid out on the bed as if put there for your convenience.

You probably knew they were there. Otherwise you would have walked in at any time in all these years instead of breaking in on this occasion.

Maybe you didn't think they were very good presents, but they were better than the electric clock that doesn't work. And probably more valuable than the old carpet which must have been very difficult to carry away.

And why did you take the field glasses from your Uncle Nat's desk and leave them on the hall table?

And why did you wrench a picture off the dining room wall, throw it in the fireplace and stamp on it?

We know where you came in. You forced the kitchen window and jumped on the chair below. We have seen your footmarks.

But we don't know when you came in or why you left the wedding presents and the field glasses behind.

You probably broke in after dark. There were no lights burning. Then you made your way to the front door and bolted it to cover your retreat. If surprised.

Your Uncle thinks you went upstairs to the main bedroom looking for clothes and jewellery.

What a Sight!

But if you had been a clever burglar, and if you knew about the wedding presents, you would have also guessed that we were wearing our best clothes and what jewellery we had at the wedding.

So when you had opened all the drawers in the dressing table, found nothing in them but face powder and flung them on the floor, you forced open the wardrobe, found it almost empty and forgot to take the typewriter locked up in it. That is, unless you remembered that the numbers of typewriters can be traced.

Then you went into the next bedroom, opened all the drawers there, flung them on the floor and again found nothing but face powder and lipstick.

Up to this point you were not mad with rage. But you were probably a bit disappointed. And probably cold, too. You ought to come and stay with us sometime and see if you can stand it.

Your next move must have been into your Uncle Nat's room. And what a sight that would appear to a shivering, angry burglar.

DID you enjoy reading the old newspapers and the letters from Mr. Bloodsucker, the income-tax collector?

Did you blow the dust off an old book and sit down for a quiet read with the draughts whistling in your ears?

Did you take any of the vitamin pills and tonics to keep up your strength?

It was noticed that you opened all the drawers of the little bureau and found nothing in any of them but an old rusty key.

You also opened the middle drawer of the desk and found nothing there but more unanswered correspondence from Mr. B. and a broken penknife.

Then, your Uncle believes, you dashed across to the wardrobe (hoping to find some saleable clothes), where you found nothing but some shirts and socks, full of holes and his faithful tweed jacket, Moth's Relish, hanging meekly on a hook.

Somehow Moth's Relish seems to have annoyed you. He was found flung in a corner together with his lifelong companion, the grey flannel trousers. Elephant's Legs.

Did you try them on and look a fool in them? (Sneak thieves are usually hollow-chested little runts) Or did you take one look at them and estimate their market value at 4d.?

Hopping Mad

By this time you were probably hopping mad. You snatched the only article of value (the field glasses) from the desk, missed the bedroom where the wedding presents were laid out for you, and ran downstairs, where you put the field glasses on the hall table.

It was colder downstairs, wasn't it? Much colder than out in the garden where there are no draughts? You're telling me.

So what did you do then?

You Uncle Nat can see you, a poor little shrimp of a man, in a thin purple striped suit, with a little hat to match on your little pin head, blowing on your blue fingers and stamping those big, awkward feet freezing in those vulgar suede shoes.

You ran into the lounge, which is even colder than the hall. You couldn't bear it any longer, so you picked up the carpet and wrapped it round your skinny shoulders. Isn't that so?

By **LUCY MILLER**

In Rome, the shops are full

—NO COUPONS NEEDED, JUST THE MONEY

THEY have had a bad winter in Rome: days of snow, no coal.

But now the sun is here. The shops are heaped with fruit and vegetables—fine oranges, lemons, grapefruit, bananas.

The shops are full of things to buy—eggs, butter, cheese, ham, pate, foie gras, nylon stockings and silk shirts. No coupons, just the money—if you've it.

Just to-day everything else here has uncertain value. You can get anything from 1,200 to 1,000 lire to the £. (In 1939 the official exchange rate was 70).

There are no coins in circulation—just handfuls of notes, some of them unrecognisably dirty.

POPULAR GAMBLE

Dealing in foreign currency is a popular gamble. The police made a surprise round-up at a cafe in the Piazza Colonna. At half-past-six in the evening when the place was crowded they picked up 30 people carrying surprising amounts of loose cash—an Italian baroness with 200,000 lire in her purse (she said she was out shopping); a clerk with 150,000 lire; an actress with 1,700 Swiss francs.

Among the plates of cakes on the counter they found a bag with 270 sterling in gold.

This sort of thing tends to make money seem like the chips in a casino. To see things in their true value you must remember that the salary of a clerk to-day is the salary he was paid in 1939 when a lira was worth to us about three pence.

Seen that way, the piles of eggs in the shops (27 lire each), the rice (150 lire a lb.), the chocolate (200 lire a quarter), the nylon stockings (1,800 lire a pair), do seem too good, and far too expensive, to be true.

A woman I met today who teaches languages has not bought herself any new clothes for ten years; every penny she makes goes on food. The rationals are not enough to live on; everyone must add to them somehow.

Then, looking like a dumb Bell, you ran into the diningroom where you found an electric clock that wouldn't go.

This was too much for you. You went berserk as a mouse would go berserk. You snatched a little picture off the wall and stamped on it.

What happened after that depends on what time you were in the Nest. If it was about 9.30 p.m. you saw a car draw up at the garden gate.

You heard your Uncle Nat say good-night to the friend who drove him home from the wedding reception.

You saw him walking gaily down the garden steps full of food and wine and in a ripe mood for anything.

Then you bolted through the kitchen window with the carpet and the clock.

WELL, dear burglar, it was an unprofitable evening. And the chance will never come again.

The wedding presents have been taken away by the bridegroom. The other rugs and carpets are being stored before we move. Bare boards won't make the Nest much more uncomfortable than it is.

Probably the little bits of jewellery will be stored, too, though it seems hardly worth it.

Come along and see us in the warmer weather. You will find the doors and windows open. Walk right in and make yourself at home.

Your Uncle Nat will probably recognise you in your little purple suit and your awful shoes. But don't be frightened. He won't hurt you.

P.S. Of course, you might have come in after your Uncle Nat, in which case he must have snored through the whole business.

How does he look asleep? He has often wanted to know the truth. Do write in and tell him.

POCKET CARTOON

ROBERT LANCASTER



"Ha! Corrupting your mind and wasting our dwindling dollar assets as usual, Pilkington!"

BY THE WAY

by **Beachcomber**

CONNOISSEURS. b o n s viveurs, gourmets and je ne sais quoi, ma foi, are eagerly discussing the news that whales are in danger of extinction.

Not many weeks ago there were fleets of the excellence of whale's flesh, which was to take the place of beef. Never believe it. I lived on whale for a week with a Basque crew off Newfoundland. We had two hard-headed whale-traders aboard, and, growing angry, we threw one of them overboard. A whale got him and followed our ship. We threw a plank at it, and then a sack of onions. But finally we had to harpoon it, and when we cut the beast open, there was trader number one sitting on the plank and trying to sell the onions to trader number two.

This story is also told of Wagner and the Wesendonck woman.

With love to the Member for North Parsley

These constant upstarts in the House could surely be cooled, if members were more courteous to each other.

(Morning Paper.)

YES. As thus: Mr. Ploddie then jumped to his feet and shouted, "The hon. member, if I may say so, has a face like the back of a cab." "My dear friend," came the reply in a soft voice, "we cannot all claim a face like yours—sweet as a wild rose in the long June days." Mr. Ploddie, visibly moved, retorted, "You shame me, Tom. If your face is at all like the back of a cab, the cap in question may well be said to be the most beautiful cap in Europe." "That from one with a face like a full-blown rose is a compliment indeed," was the gentle reply, as members blinked back their happy tears.

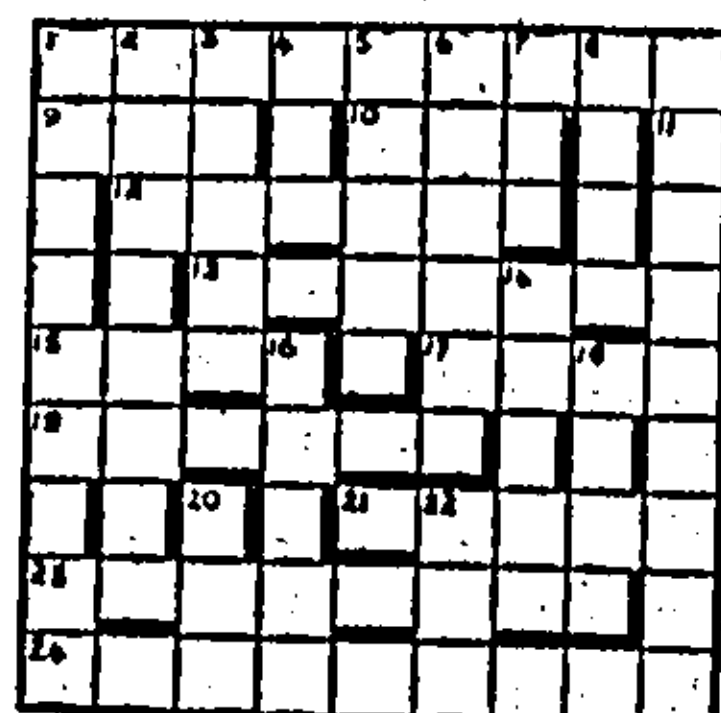
The interloper

DURING a debate by officials on whether a certain village and all its "units" should be compulsorily included in a quasi-green-belt town or in the nearest super-satellite town, a "unit" that is a member of the non-official class—gained admittance. Pleading that he was a human being and not a "unit," he was seized and thrown out.

Mimie Slopcorner

THE proposal to crown Mimie Slopcorner Laundry Queen was abandoned. It was felt that her part in the Strabismus Expedition to the moon has not been forgotten yet by the public. Mimie's mother said: "If the laundry needs a queen, I'm sure I do my Mimie would do her best." Mr. Slopcorner, the proud father, said: "If this is democracy, count my Mimie in on it."

CROSSWORD



- What the good gardener does to his plot. (6)
- His arrival to announce the arrival of Emily to death. (6)
- It gained popularity with blue surroundings. (8)
- Although no exact indication is given it is placed in this. (6)
- Down
- They make the rats I'm in. (9)
- A member of a body of men who have supreme power in their hands. (6)
- Excluded from the oak or elm. (6)
- You may even sleep on it. (6)
- Verily. (5)
- The Germans are trying to erase this. (6)
- See 1 Across.
- How best it would be after a small department. (6)
- Pine for the bird no doubt. (6)
- Colours. (6)
- A sapper leaves the cream. (3)
- Official consulted by the council. (3)
- Across
- 1 and 11 Down. The old song says that they go down to the sea. (10)
- Don't look well in the shilling. (6)
- Initially follows the Harlequin. (3)
- Sounds as though you claim to be chaste with the wrong word. (6)
- In the meantime bury him. (7)
- Without from the inside of the Arabian Society. (4)
- Instruction to the starter of just pudding ingredient? (4)
- Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) Down: 1. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 2. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 3. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 4. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 5. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 6. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 8. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 9. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 10. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 11. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 12. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 13. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 14. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 15. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 16. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 17. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 18. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 19. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 20. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 21. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 22. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 23. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 24. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 25. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 26. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 27. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 28. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 29. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 30. and 7. Love of Nature. (6) 31. and 7. Love of Nature. 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Women

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"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds—Does a girl of seventeen look well dressed in a black sequin-embroidered dress, with no hat, pink gloves, strapped sandals in black? She is to attend a late afternoon wedding reception."
—MRS. R. L. E.

Yes, the outfit sounds very smart. I hope, though that the sequins are lightly done. Too much is enough, if you get what I mean.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My skin is smooth but it is oily. I use liquid cleansing cream-oil. While that cleans my skin, it seems oilier now."
—SUSIE.

I think that your cleansing method needs improving. Try soap (emulsified, if you can find any) and lots of cold water rinsing. A vanishing cream mask used once a week will aid in keeping your skin fresh looking.

"Dear Lois Leeds—My hair is a very light silver blonde, my skin is good but so colourless. Could I deepen my skin colour by makeup? Or should I dye my hair? I look so washed-out."
—MARIE D.

Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



Just take that Extra Minute for a last look at your hair, your makeup, before you go! It's the little things that, once neglected, become habits; wisps of hair, sticking seams crooked, your slip showing. But that last, lingering look is all that you need.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Why is it every time Mom starts to save money she begins with important things like the movies, candy and ice cream?"

Memorial Dedicated To Child War Dead

The bereaved parents of Czechoslovakia watched in silence last Friday as Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague dedicated the world's first monument to the millions of unknown children who died in World War II.

Mrs Jan Storek from Lidice was there, remembering her plump, smiling, 13-year-old Jaroslava with her long dark braids. The braids, still in neat red ribbons, were the last things she saw when the SS men took her daughter away forever near Kladno, nearly five years ago.

BERLINERS GROWING THEIR OWN

Berlin's hungry hordes are staking out garden claims on these early spring days, with whole families digging up their back yards, front yards, driveways, alleyways and the land bordering their sidewalks.

Even grandfathers are handling spades in the bright glare of long-awaited sunshine.

Remembering the long hungry winter, the city dwellers are determined to place every bit of available ground under seed.

"This year I'm even going to plant tomato plants in boxes on my balcony," said a smudge-faced young mother. "What's good balcony for, anyway? I'm no Juliet anymore."

Scientific farming gets no thought from the city farmers. Almost everyone is planting potatoes, just as they did last year. As the staple item of the German diet, a good potato crop is considered better than money in the bank. Most banks are closed anyway.

Dirty Work at Night

"I was considering planting some pumpkins, but decided not to take a chance," said a young 17-year-old planter who is the proud owner of an eight-by-ten-foot backyard garden. "My friend Manfred planted pumpkins last year, and just before they ripened someone stole them all."

No one seems to know how to prevent thievery in the potato patch in the middle of the night.

"I can't use a shotgun to scare them away because weapons are forbidden in Germany," said the young man. "I can't string up barbed-wire because I haven't any wire, much less nails. I've put up some poles and run string around the patch, but that won't do much good. I'd buy a dog and use him as a night watchman, but I'm afraid somebody would steal him also and sell his carcass on the black market."

—Associated Press.

FEWER MAKE FORTUNES

Britain's wealthiest group—those with net incomes after taxes of more than £6,000 a year—dropped from 7,000 individuals in 1939 to an exclusive 45 last year.

A Treasury White Paper published recently said that in the fiscal year 1945-1946, only 45 people had incomes, after deduction of taxes of £6,000, and only 840 incomes of from £4,000 to £6,000.

To retain £6,000 after the heavy British taxes, a person must have a gross income of more than £8,000.

At the other end of the income scale, the White Paper showed, 7,950,000 people had incomes after taxes last year of £150 to £250, compared with only 4,500,000 making that much in 1939.

Of Britain's total of 14,000,000 taxpayers last year, 13,175,000 had incomes of less than £500. —Associated Press.

SAILORS WERE WOMEN

Fourteen female "tars" of the British Merchant Marine carefully stowed supplies of nylons as well as La Cordillera at Baltimore, and prepared to weigh anchor for Singapore.

The female tars are members of the first British merchant vessel to carry a mixed crew, and Baltimore was their first port of call.

Captain Mathew Frame explained that if the experiment works out, feminine sailors will be signed on other cargo and passenger vessels.

Russian and Scandinavian crews have been sailing with mixed crews for several years. —Associated Press.

Air Travel Suits Babies

Stewardesses of Pan-American World Airways report that babies are better air travellers than grown-ups.

"They seldom get airsick or restless. They sleep peacefully or play near their seats. Baby foods and a baby kit with comic books, rattlers and games keep them happy. Some toddlers even cross the Atlantic unaccompanied."

However, difficulties arise. On a recent trip, emergencies exceeded the emergency supply of diapers. One small traveller got off wearing the plane's fanciest dish towel. —United Press.

Mrs Storek's hand touched the hand of the sombre woman beside her. Milena Samal, whose husband and father were executed by the Nazis, was remembering too. Her own years in concentration camps and things too terrible to think of were often softened only by the sight of her own Jiri and Alenka. They had been carried off by SS men, but they had come home.

Now Jiri and Alenka were standing nervously before a congregation of Czechoslovakians bereaved in the beautiful Renaissance Cathedral of the Victorious Virgin, awaiting the signal of Archbishop Josef Beran to pull aside the veil covering the world's first memorial to an unknown child.

Softly, the Archbishop spoke of all the world's children who had died in six years of war and occupation, his voice rising and falling in the great edifice which houses a cherished, time-stained, miracle-working statue of the Infant Jesus.

To Milena Samal's children went his first words, and everybody there remembered how the Archbishop himself had spent years in Dachau, sweeping streets and carrying garbage under the lashes of Hitler's storm troopers.

Passed Through Horrors

"It is fitting," said the Archbishop, "that these children unveil this memorial, for they themselves passed through the horrors which took the lives of so many innocent children, to whom we are dedicating it."

"All through those long years, the grandmothers of Jiri and Alenka Samal prayed before this shrine for their safe return. And her prayers were answered."

The soft voice went on recalling the numberless tragedies of June 1942, when Jiri and Alenka were transported to Poland after their father and grandfather were arrested in the terror raids following the assassination of "The Butcher"—Reinhard Heydrich.

The ashes of the grandfather, Premysl Samal, resistance leader in two wars and a government official between them, were returned only last week to the family burial ground in Prague. His son, Professor Jaromir Samal, was murdered with him in Berlin for resistance activities.

Nazi Barbarism

The Archbishop continued: "Into this 20th century, which was the first distinguished by child care ideals and institutions, came the barbarous Nazi philosophy. But the sacrifice of these children was not in vain. This monument will stand as a constant reminder of what can happen when people forget Christian love. It will help us to remember that the greatest sin man can commit is to injure an innocent child."

He signed to Jiri and Alenka and the veil fell from the memorial plaque.

Designed by Arno Adamek, who spent two years in hiding, and Professor Otakar Spaniel, who was a concentration camp inmate, the memorial shows a man and woman before an altar, sorrowing over the body of a dead child. Above them an angel cradles the resurrected child.

Enclosed in the altar is a tiny casket containing the finger bone of an unidentified child who died in a death march to a concentration camp.

The inscription reads: "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven—Dedicated to all innocent child victims of the war of 1939-45." —United Press.

FIRST RAF POSTWAR EXERCISE

The Royal Air Force will make its first postwar study of the bombing tactics of the Second World War next August, whilst frankly admitting that "recent scientific advances" may make the whole project academic.

The Air Ministry announced last Sunday that the study, to be called "Operation Thunderbolt," will be staged by Lord Tedder, Chief of the Air Staff, with senior officers of the RAF and other services, Dominion air force officers and Ministry of Defence officials attending.

Under study will be strategy and conduct of the combined bomber offensives from January 1943 to the end of the war, with special reference to the 1944 spring offensive. "Recent scientific advances will affect air warfare, as well as land and sea warfare," the Ministry said, "but since the implications of new weapons cannot yet be fully appreciated, this first postwar RAF exercise is limited, except for a brief period towards the end, to study of weapons as we know them today." —Associated Press.



GERMAN FOOD PROSPECTS SAID POOR

German agricultural experts are pessimistic about next autumn's harvest in the Russian zone of Germany, in normal times the nation's "bread basket."

The severe cold of the past winter and the subsequent floods, which destroyed thousands of acres of farmlands, have left their mark, officials said.

The Berlin newspaper, *Telegraf*, said the harvest outlook was for only half the normal intake and even less than last year's poor crop. The 1946 harvest figures showed, compared to 1939, bread grains 45.4 percent; barley 30 percent; potatoes 33.6 percent and vegetables 71.6 percent.

Only 750 Calories

Dr Clemens Wiese, agricultural expert of the German Central Administration for the Soviet zone, said on the basis of what can be expected from the harvest, Germans will have to tighten their belts and get along next winter on 750 food calories per day. The 1,550 calories diet now in the American and British zones has frequently been described as a "starvation diet."

If Germans in the eastern zone had to get along on half that, officials fear it would result in hundreds of deaths unless food were imported from foreign lands.

Dr Wiese blamed three factors for the present poor outlook. He said the soil was exhausted from insufficient treatment with fertilisers in recent years. Frost destroyed 25 percent of the winter rye, 75 percent of winter wheat and 100 percent of winter barley and oil seeds. The floods, especially in the Oder River valley, were his third reason for a poor harvest.

Shortage of chemicals to treat the farmlands is another obstacle confronting farmers, he said. —United Press.

She Also Wants To Be Alone

Rita Hayworth pulled a Garbo this week in the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

"I want to be alone," she said to the reporters and photographers who insisted on accompanying her on her first sight-seeing tour of Paris.

Taking out a handkerchief she dabbed her eyes, turned her back to the group, and was silent. Then she repeated: "I want to be alone."

Her publicity agent appealed to the photographers, saying Miss Hayworth, the "Atom Queen," was very tired. She had trudged through the Place Vendôme and the Rue de Rivoli.

"What about just one little picture of Miss Hayworth against the Seine or at the Place de l'Opera?" a newsman pleaded. But Miss Hayworth was having none of it.

Rita Hayworth's companion was heiress Lola Ster, with whom she is staying at the sumptuous Large Hotel. —United Press.

U. S. Business Failures

Business failures in the United States are showing a steady increase, reports Associated Press, which says that this is the plainest evidence that competitive markets are back in many fields.

The principal failures have been in the manufacturing enterprises. For the first two months of this year there were 159 manufacturing failures. These insolvent companies had liabilities totalling over \$516,000,000.

USSR MEDICAL ADVANCES

Russian scientists reported a number of scientific advances recently.

Arthritis cures by use of supersonic waves produced by vibrations of quartz plates to which high frequency current is applied. The same waves were used to introduce certain drugs into the body through the skin.

Use of photo elements to enable the blind to read ordinary print, which may eliminate the cumbersome Braille system in time.

A microscope carried inside a needle which can magnify 600 times, and is used to study pathological processes in living tissues. Study of the effects of radium-irradiated food, which reportedly have cured some cases of rickets, furunculosis and other diseases. —United Press.

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Australia's New Industries
Peacetime industrial development in Australia has been sharply expanded as a direct result of the war effort.

Australian and foreign companies already have leased 74 government war plants for conversion into manufacturing plants. Ample skilled labour is available and many women who worked in war factories are now taking jobs in the new industries.

The Australian Government's programme calls for leasing of \$300,000,000 worth of factories for reconversion into industrial plants.

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